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To Raise Memorial Fund For Noted Educator!

\$2,000,000 AUTHORIZED AS BOOK-
ER T. WASHINGTON MEMORIAL
FUND.

Selection of Successor to Late Head
of Tuskegee Deferred Until Future
Date.

Tuskegee, Ala., Dec. 14.—Selection
of a successor to Booker T. Washing-
ton as head of Tuskegee Institute was
referred to a subcommittee of five
members of the board of trustees and
an endorsement fund of \$2,000,000 to be
known as the "Booker T. Washington
memorial fund," was authorized at a
meeting here today of the board of
trustees of the institute. No announce-
ment was made as to when the sub-
committee would meet.

The subcommittee is composed of
Seth Low, chairman of the board of
trustees; W. W. Campbell, Tuskegee;
Victor T. Boone, Montgomery, Ala.;
Frank Trumbull, New York; and Ed-
gar A. Bunker, Chicago.

Reports that the trustees were de-
locked, the Alabama members favor-
ing Elmer J. Scott, for 18 years private
secretary to Doctor Washington
and now secretary of the institute,
and New York and Chicago members
backing Major R. R. Moton, command-
ant of Hampton Institute, Hampton,
Va., were denied by members of the
board, who issued a statement tonight
saying that all the trustees were "of
one mind as to the wisdom of defer-
ring action."

It was stated that \$450,000 of the
memorial fund already has been pledg-
ed, contingent upon the raising of the
remainder of the \$2,000,000. It is ex-
pected that \$250,000 will be subscrib-
ed by Negroes.

BIG HEARTED CRIMINAL.

If you had just escaped from prison
on Christmas eve and were hurrying
across country to evade capture,
would you stop to take the sorrow and
disappointment out of the life of a
little child who had hoped to see San-
ta Claus—when it meant recapture?
Read the story, "Santa Mike" by T. C.
Bridges, in this issue of the Star. You
will find it worth while.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN LITERARY CONTEST

Pupils of Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh
Grades Will Write Stories.

Story writing in a prize contest in
the work which will engage the at-
tention of the 9th, 10th and 11th grade pu-
pils of the colored high school dur-
ing the Christmas holidays and the
prize winners of these stories will be
printed in the Star about the second
issue in next month.

These grades are taught by Miss
Hazel McDaniel and the idea is origi-
nal with her. By this method she
hopes to create a new love for litera-
ture and to cultivate the art of short
story writing among her pupils.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS AND GREETINGS.

There has just been received by us
a copy of the Christmas Greetings
published by the National Baptist
Publishing Board at Nashville, Tenn.
This publication comes out annually,
and is a series of the National Baptist
Concert Quarterly. It is edited by
Mrs. Lulu J. Landers, who has for the
past ten years furnished the Sunday-
school forces throughout the country
with a program four times a year. But
the Christmas Program or Greeting,
as they are called this year, is in
three colors; white, green and red.

The front page is beautifully de-
corated with holly and Christmas
bells, and has the likeness of Old
Saint Nick. There is catchy music;
one of the first being "Christ is Risen,"
a song written on the birth of
Christ. Then comes the order of ex-
ercise and the Christmas Santa Claus
Drill. There are quite a few contribu-
tions to the program, notable among
which are some from Jesse Ferguson,
with some selections and recitations.

Buried in Pot- ters Field

McAlester, Dec. 14.—After waiting
four days in vain for word from the
relatives of Henry Bookman, the Ne-
gro who was electrocuted in the state

Filling the Stockings



If you have no stockings of your own to fill, there are others.

penitentiary Friday morning prison
officials today buried the body in a
corner of the prison farm. The first
to be electrocuted in Oklahoma, Book-
man's body also is the first to be bur-
ied in a new cemetery established for
pauper convicts. Formerly they were
buried in a corner of the McAlester
cemetery. No funeral service was held.
Negro convicts, it is understood,
are planning for a memorial service
to be held in the prison Sunday.

WHEN YOU FAIL TO GET YOUR PAPER.

Some complaints are coming
from who, for some reason fail to
get their paper each week.
In to this office from subscrib-
ers. We regret very much that it
has been necessary for any one to
register such complaint.
We are very careful to see
that each subscriber's paper is
properly addressed and sent
out from this office. When the
paper fails to reach you it is
not our fault.
Please go to the paper win-
dow at your post office and ask
for the TULSA STAR. If you
have no box or street number,
and then if you fail to get it
notify us and we will gladly
take the matter up with the
post office authorities.
EDITOR.

Opposed to Capital Punishment

Jury Who Once Voted to Hang Man
Who Was Not Guilty, Now Against
Capital Punishment.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 14.—W. H. Dye
was excused from jury service in a
murder trial here this afternoon
when he told the district court that
fifty years ago he served as a jury-
man in a murder trial in Missouri and
voted to hang a man who later was
found to be innocent. Dye is now
past 75 years old.
"Several men swore they saw the

defendant kill the man and we voted
to hang the defendant. Five years
after he had been executed a man
appeared in court and said that he
was the one who committed the mur-
der. He was sentenced to life impris-
onment in the Missouri penitentiary,"
Dye said.

Dye asked to be excused from nam-
ing the county and the man wrongfully
hanged.

"It is bad enough the way it was
and I do not want to talk about it any
more than I have to. I am opposed to
capital punishment."

Brazil offers Inducements to the Race

Three Thousand People Listen to the
Ringing Voice of Mr. Newman, the
Man Who Travels, at Orchestra Hall
Sunday Afternoon.

WEALTH COLLOSAL

Latin America is the Land of Promise
Offering American Capital Its Great-
est Opportunities for Investment.
"Courtesy and Justice to All," is the
Republic's Motto.

(From the Chicago Defender 11-11-15.)

These men who flee the curse
of Jim Crowism for an alien flag
represent an economic loss to
the nation:
Plasterers 2 Doctors 2
Mechanics 5 Dentists 3
Carpenters 5 Blacksmiths 4

A large and enthusiastic audience,
listening to Mr. Newman, the famous
traveler, as he lectured on "Brazil"

Sunday at Orchestra Hall. Moving
pictures of untold beauty, giving views
of wonderful tropical skies, rivers,
mountains and sea, and the fabulous
wealth of its natural resources added
to a brilliant story without an equal.
The effort to awake the slumbering
American to the great possibilities of
the vast and growing republic that
south of us is the aim of a well direct-
ed movement in the interests of great
America.

After following the lecturer with his
gorgeous pictures that are magnific-
ent beyond description, our attention
is sharply called to sociological con-
ditions south of the equator.

We are reminded that Brazil, too,
had slaves just as they existed in the
United States, but in 1848 they were
made citizens both in law and fact.
Upon the canvas is shown first, the
slave with age-worn and haggard, then
the later type of progressive people,
prosperous, happy and free. We hope
that these truths, both relative to
wealth and social conditions there,
will be sure of recognition by the
American people for their incalcul-
able value. We possess here neither
all the wealth or brains of the world.
Brazil is a complete refutation of
prejudice of southern ethics.

Says the speaker in clear voice:
"THERE IS NO COLOR LINE IN
BRAZIL. RACES INTERMARRY."
If American merchants desire Latin-
American commerce they must abolish
the color line. Brazil is smarting yet
from the stars and insults her navy
received in our ports.

Professional and Artisan Class Leave.

Just before Thanksgiving 25 mar-
ried men and their wives and one sin-
gle man left Chicago and sailed from
New York for Rio Janeiro and other
points in Brazil. Included in occupa-
tional lines were doctors, 2; den-
tists, 3; chemists, 2; mechanics, 5;
planters, 5; carpenters, 5; black-
smiths, 4. This exodus is due to a
well considered plan adapted some
time previous by professional men and
skilled laborers, who have combined
themselves together for mutual ad-
vancement.

The ruling spirit of the industrial
corporations of the United States is
absolutely responsible for this shame-
ful condition. A condition without a
parallel in our present civilization
aside from the United States. The ar-
tisan classes in the United States (re-
lating to race members) are exclud-
ed or socially ostracized, by opposing
forces preventing their full share in
the avenues of industrial enterprises.
They are taught in schools and col-
leges trades and professions which af-
terwards are proven to be wasted en-
ergy. The walls of race prejudice are
built around them, and guarded by
powerful enemies who in Congress
have disfranchised the race.

Social Phenomena.

The awakened conscience of these
people is surely and truthfully a sci-
entific fact; there must be an outlet
to these pent up forces, which hith-
erto have slumbered. Their double and
treble strength in all truthfulness
must have an outlet. Nature demon-
strates herself in this way under laws
of natural forces. Violent forces with-
in the earth cause terrific explosions
there, which is true under the social
organization. Something must be done
to relieve these forces which are daily
growing into discontent.

Their advance agent was duly sent
to Brazil, where he traveled in the
interest of men who have nerve, brain
and muscle. He was successful. Em-
ployment was secured in advance for
those who have gone.

The Final.

Shall Brazil be to the race that long
cherished hope that New England of-
fered the British and Dutch persecut-
ed who fled England's coast, because
of intolerable conditions there?

Business League Will Give Smoker Next Tuesday Evening

All Members and Their Friends Who
Are Not Members, Will Be Served
Free.

The first public entertainment ever
given in Tulsa by the local Negro Busi-
ness League will be staged in the
Gurley Hall next Tuesday night, in
the form of a Smoker for the business
men of Tulsa, and their customers.
The purpose of this entertainment is
to create new interest in the League
and to increase the membership.
Every male citizen in Tulsa is invited
to attend whether a member of the
League or not.

Feasting, speech making and smok-
ing and a large crowd is expected.

Merits of A Recognized Leading Race Journal

The Tulsa Star Again Shows its Pro-
gressiveness By Issuing the Clean-
est and Best Printed Christmas
Edition of Any Weekly Newspaper
in this Part of the Country.

Subscription List Constantly Growing,
and 10,000 Copies of Christmas Edi-
tion Will Go Into That Many Homes.

During the last three years it has
been the custom of the management
of the Tulsa Star to issue a special
edition for Christmas. Each year
our success along this line has been
good and our advertisers and sub-
scribers have been well pleased with
our efforts.

This year we have followed our cus-
tom in spite of the hard work and ex-
pense incidental thereto, and we be-
lieve our efforts will be even more ap-
preciated than heretofore. The Star
has reached a point of proficiency and
accuracy which is generally recognized
wherever it is read and its policies
politically and morally are endorsed
by the leading men and women of the
race. We have persistently stood for
and advocated those things which tend
to elevate humanity and without fear
or favor we have at all times contend-
ed for the right of the black man. We
have met rebuffs in many instances,
but we have continued our course un-
dismayed and unreluctantly. Because
of our uncompromising stand for the
race the Star was excluded from the
Senate chamber during the last ses-
sion of the State Legislature, by resolu-
tion, but even this did not retard our
progress in the cause for which we
are laboring.

We have sacrificed much and will
sacrifice much more, if necessary, in
pushing our cause until the fight is
won.

The Star is the first newspaper in
Oklahoma, or in the United States, to
expose the Guardianship graft in this
state, and to openly oppose the ap-
pointment of white men as guardians
for colored children. It was through
the Tulsa Star that "The Negro
Guardianship League" was organized
in Oklahoma, which organization is
destined to solve the guardianship
problem, so far as the colored people
of Oklahoma are concerned. All of
this and more the Star has placed to
its credit. We have had a hard time
from the beginning, and we are still
having a hard time, but we have not
grown weary of the fight, nor do we
expect to. We are encouraged in the
fact that there are many good fair-
minded white people, as well as Col-
ored people, who will lend their sup-
port to us, simply because of their
love of right and fair play.

It is therefore with a degree of pride
somewhat shadowed with modesty
that we allude to our reputation. But
lest our horns many not be tooted, we
will toot it some ourselves.

We are proud of our accomplish-
ments, and grateful for the support
given us by our subscribers and our
advertisers, who have made it possi-
ble for us to succeed as well as we
have.

Our Agents.

Our subscription list has almost
doubled during the present year, and
at this late date new subscribers are
being added to the list in great num-
bers.

For this we are greatly indebted to
our force of wide awake agents, who
are working so faithfully for the Star
in all parts of the state and in adjoin-
ing states. We especially commend
them and hope the new year will con-
tinue as good as, or even better than,
the present year has been.

Grateful to Ministers.
Possibly nothing has helped the
Star more than the occasional
"boosts" and endorsements it has re-
ceived from the pulpit. The local
pastors have been very liberal in this
respect and have said many good
things about the Star. For this we
are also very grateful. We appreciate
nothing more than we do the whole-
hearted endorsement of the pulpit.

Grateful to the Colored Press.

During the past year the leading race
papers and magazines in the United
States have clipped editorials from
the Star, thus giving wider circulation
to our fight for the race in Oklahoma.
Realizing there is no greater power
than that of the press we readily recog-
nize the valuable assistance thus
given by the craft in other states, and
we are duly appreciative of these

courtesies.

To the White Press.
As a rule the white press of the
country is very drastic and unfair in
its treatment of colored people.

It is prone to the habit of enlarging
on things tending to reflect discredit
to the race and minimizing or ignoring
those things which tend to advance
or elevate us.

But there are some exceptions to
this rule to be found even in Oklaho-
ma. In two or three instances some
of the leading publications of this
state have reproduced some of the
Star's editorials with favorable edi-
torial comments, showing a disposi-
tion to be fair and unbiased. For this
the Star, and the colored people of
Oklahoma generally, are very grate-
ful.

And now with this we wish all a
Merry Christmas and a Happy and
Prosperous New Year. In Tulsa at
least let us all stand united for a
greater and better TULSA for 1916.

Has Income But Works

YOUNG COLORED MEN IN MUSKO-
GEE MAKING GOOD AS A
FINANCIER.

With an Income of More than \$1500
Per Month He Still Is Not Idle.

There are a number of wealthy Col-
ored men in Oklahoma, and occasion-
ally some of them attract considerable
attention through the press because of
their vast land holdings or income
from their oil royalties. But probably
none of them have merited more fa-
vorable comment than W. C. Reed, a
young colored man of Muskogee, who
is engaged in the insurance and loan
business.

Mr. Reed is a young man, yet in his
twenties, but in the business world
he is particularly settled and very
conservative. He is a native son of
the Lone Star state and a graduate of
the Prairie View State Normal at
Prairie View, Texas. A few years ago
he came to Oklahoma and promoted a
rural telephone system in Gate-
ville township, Wagoner County. Af-
ter successfully conducting this enter-
prise for a number of years he sold
out and engaged in other business. At
one time he had an interest in the Peo-
ples Drive 3023 at Red Bird, but soon
sold out to seek wider fields for his
restless ambitions.

About two years ago he met, wooed
and wed Miss Sarah Hodges, a popu-
lar young woman of Taft, who was the
mistress of 160 acres in the Glenn
Pool oil field. On this 160 acres there
are now sixteen producing oil wells
from which they realize a monthly in-
come of approximately \$1500.00. But
Mr. Reed has not allowed the glitter
of gold to alloy his ambition. He be-
lieves in work and he is never idle.
He is using his time and money to
the best possible advantage in laying
a substantial foundation for the fu-
ture. This young man is the holder
of mortgages on farm and city prop-
erty to the amount of more than \$50,000
and his wife's allotment is valued at
more than \$800,000. He also owns
several hundred acres of valuable
farm land. A few days ago he pur-
chased a farm for the consideration
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Texas Woman Wants to Locate Brother

Austin, Texas, Dec. 10, 1915
Mr. A. J. Smitherman,
Editor The Tulsa Star.
Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Sir:—I am writing you on be-
half of a friend, Mrs. Fannie Miles,
of this city, who is trying to find her
brother, Moses Fitzgerald, whom she
has not seen or heard of for several
years.

Please run a notice in your paper
and locate him for her.

Mrs. Miles' address is 302 E. 15th
St., Austin, Texas.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM CLARK.